

Accommodation to Ex-Ministers/Ex-MPs.

3873. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Gowda wants to accommodate former Ministers, M.Ps. now" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated August 29, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. No committee as reported in the news item has been set up by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Condition of DDA Flats

3874. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "DDA's defective goods" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated September 8, 1996;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made into it;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the measures taken to ensure quality construction flats henceforth and to remove the defects from the flats whose roofs and balconies have collapsed, walls have cracked and flats have sunk etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). As the news item referred to in part (a) of the Question does not bring out any specific case, the question of any investigation and outcome thereof does not arise.

(d) The works executed by the DDA conform to the standard norms and specifications as followed by the C.P.W.D. Its works are inspected periodically by an in-house Quality Control Cell headed by a Chief Engineer. Besides, the works are also open to inspection by the Chief Technical Examiner of the Central Vigilance Commission.

Water Supply/Sanitation

3875. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a three day national workshop was held in Delhi regarding maintenance of rural water supply and sanitation system;

(b) if so, the main points discussed in this workshop; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the suggestions made in the workshop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the attached Statement.

(c) The recommendations of the National Workshop on Operation and Maintenance of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation system were submitted for consideration by the Empowered Committee of the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission in its meeting held on 24th October, 1996 and all the States except for Tripura have accepted the recommendations of the O and M Workshop. Tripura Government wanted to examine the recommendations in greater details before committing to them.

STATEMENT

The recommendations made by the National Workshop on operation and Maintenance (O and M) of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Systems are :

(a) Introduction of policy framework for implementation and resources mobilisation for financing and cost recovery with the objective to develop ownership by the Community of the assets created and ensure funds for effective O and M. activities;

(b) Empowerment and Institutioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Community for implementation of policy framework with a view to effective and reliable operation and maintenance at the grass root levels;

(c) Framing policy guidelines for decentralisation of the O and M activities;

(d) Improved capacity building of the various functionaries through extensive training/human resource development and IEC programmes; and

(e) Strengthening and reorienting institutions/ implementing agencies.